

DSS Autism Spectrum Disorder Advisory Council (ASDAC)
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018

Members Present: Representative Cathy Abercrombie, Marcia Eckerd, Ann Gionet, Bill Halsey, Nikki Richer, Mickey Kramer, Jim Loomis, Kathy Marchione, Aileen McKenna, John Molteni, John Pelegano, Donyale Pina, Kari Sassu, Yana Razumnaya, Lynn Ricci, Lois Rosenwald, Carole Ryan-Hanlon, Doriana Vicedomini

Others Present: Amy Dumont, Dori Papa, Brian Klimkiewicz

Members Absent: Judy Dowd, Sarah Eagan, Siobhan Morgan, Zachary Laudano, Jimnahs Miller, Jill Caron, Melissa Gagne, Nikki Richer,

Call to Order: 10:03am

Welcome and Introduction by Bill Halsey

Public Comments: Andrew Arboe shared transition symposium to be held in June. The panel was in regards to experience after transition and discussed post-findings.

Review and Approval of 3/21/2018 Meeting Minutes –
Motion to approve by Yana Razumnaya and seconded by Lynn Ricci.
Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Update on Council Business:

- Abercrombie shared approved removal of the sunset and waiting for Governor's signature
- Bi-partisan budget/short session
- January 2019 starts the 2 year budget
- \$1.2 million rainy day fund. Council was encouraged to focus on direction to proceed in.
- ASDAC was moved to LOB for public view

Update on Funding:

- Tobacco funding available – feasibility funding
- 4 individuals were taken off waitlist – Lifespan Waiver
- 5 waitlist, 3 DCF, 2 MFP this year
- 96 individuals receiving services
- Clarification how to utilize \$5 million placed in budget. Bill Halsey suggested inviting DDS to speak about utilization.

Discussions:

- Request for update on state agency spending for autism
- Medicaid program – preventive services
- Evaluations discussion – outcomes of where monies go
- Education to be discussed further
- Would like feedback from agencies and individuals regarding calls received
- Goal to have partnerships to help reduce complaint calls
- Discussions on Special Education Bureau – i.e. student performance outcomes, building partnership, communication and guidance
- Suggestion for training in the school systems
- Preventative services needed at schools throughout the state
- Suggestions for sub-committees – long-term goals
- Suggestion for forum – updates
- Fiscal mapping project
- Retreat scheduled for October 31, 2018
- ASDAC meetings 3rd Wednesday every other month, November meeting was suggested, January 2019 Forum

Old Business:

- Review committee to meet for Tri-Chair

New Business:

- New Council Members were acknowledged but could not attend
- Council seats are full, though still awaiting Department of Education replacement

Adjournment: 11:50am

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 10:00am**

Legislative Office Building
Room 2A